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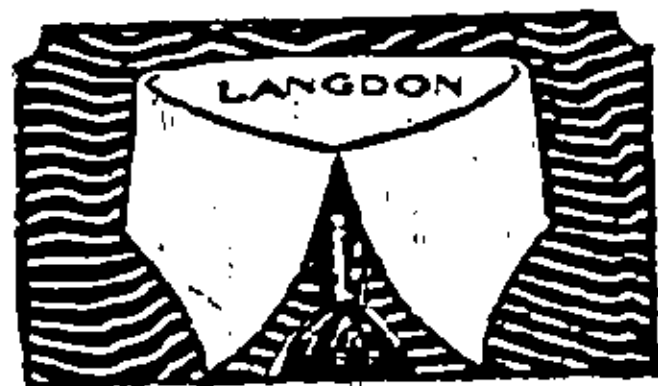
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

U. S. A. ON MANDATES.

L. O. N. CONCILIATORY.

PARIS, March 2.

The reply of the council of the League of Nations to the United States note with regard to mandates, dealing with American contention that the approbation of the United States is essential in order to render valid the council's decisions with regard to mandates, declares that the rights of the United States are not contested but the United States are complicating the situation by abstaining from ratification of the treaty and holding aloof from the League. As regards the A mandates, the council has already decided to postpone consideration and in response to the request of the United States consideration of B mandates will be adjourned till next session. The Council invites the United States to participate in the discussions of the next session as the complicated and delicate question of mandates can scarcely be treated by an exchange of official notes. With regard to C mandates, the council does not enjoy the same liberty of action as in the case of the others. With regard to the United States objection to the allocation of Yap to Japan, the reply declares that the United States several times refused to approve the assignment of this island to any state, and points out that the re-partition of territories submitted to mandate is the province of the Supreme Council and not of the council of the League which is only concerned with the administration of these territories. Consequently if there exists any misunderstanding, it is between the United States and the Allies rather than between the United States and the League. The reply concludes by hoping that these explanations will meet the approval of the United States and that the latter's reply will permit the continuation of the study of solutions.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ON INDIA.

HIS MESSAGE.

BOMBAY, March 2.

Replying to the Governor's speech at the farewell ceremony, the Duke of Connaught said he left India as he arrived, in a spirit of affection and sympathy, firmly believing that the new constitution would place India securely on the upward road to the realisation of her high ideals. He urged his hearers not to forget the long comradeship between this vast eastern continent and the little island in the North Sea. He was taking back as a message to England that greater effort must be made there to understand and appreciate the Indian viewpoint. The voice of India had not carried the weight to which it was entitled. One outstanding merit of henceforth carry greater weight as more and more the voice of India is heard; but his message to England would be mainly one of confidence. He would tell them the heart of India was sound and true, her loyalty untarnished, her progress great, her hopes high. He would bid them keep in close and sympathetic touch with her, to send her their best, and that then they need have no doubt and no misgiving regarding her future friendship.

ARABS AND ALLIES.

ANGORA AGREES.

LONDON, March 2.

It is understood that the Angora Government's reply to Allied questions agrees to an inter-allied commission of enquiry in Thrace and Smyrna, meanwhile suggesting the substitution of Allied for Greek administration there. Angora is prepared to sign the treaty of Sevres but calls attention to certain clauses inconsistent with the freedom of the Turkish nations.

RELATIVE NAVAL STRENGTH.

BRITAIN, UNITED STATES, AND JAPAN.

LONDON, March 2.

In the House of Commons, replying to Viscount Curzon, Sir James Craig said that by 1924 the British Navy would have one ship, the United States eighteen, and Japan eight embodying the lessons of the war, while in 1925 the numbers would be the same except that Japan would have thirteen. He could not state the relative strength of the three navies in 1924 and 1925.

VULKAN SHIPWRIGHTS LOCKED OUT.

BERLIN, March 2.

Owing to failure to end a labour dispute, all the Workmen in the Vulkan shipbuilding yards at Stettin were dismissed.

U.S.A. AND ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, March 2.

The responsibility of replying to the allied note is to be left to the new administration.

U.S. POLITICIAN DEAD.

New York, March 2.

Champ Clark, famous congressman, aged 71, has died of pleurisy.

LEAGUE ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE.

PARIS, March 1.

The League of Nations committee on military affairs has decided to invite six nations who are members, notably France, Great Britain, and Japan each to send a delegate to the newly established armaments committee.—Vale.

INDO-CHINA GOVERNOR LEAVES FRANCE.

PARIS, March 1.

M. Maurice Long, Governor-General of French Indo-China is sailing to-morrow for the East.—Vale.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 3/8
To-day's opening rate 2/3 7/8

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The 37th Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, this morning.

Mr. R. G. Sheehan was in the chair and was supported by Messrs. H. P. White and A. O. Lang (members of the Consulting Committee) and Mr. W. J. Hawker, A. C. I. S. (Secretary).

The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. M. S. Northcote, George Grimble, A. A. Cordeiro, Poon I. Cho, F. Ellis and P. M. N. da Silva.

After the secretary had read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—From the report and accounts in your hands, you will see that we recommend the payments of a final dividend of \$1.00 per share, making a total dividend as usual of \$2.00 per share for the year.

The result of the year's work compares unfavourably with that shown the previous year, but we had an unusually adverse state of things to contend with, and under the circumstances we are thankful to have done as well as we have.

With exchange ruling for the greater part of the year at 5/- to 4/- for the dollar it was quite impossible for us to secure profitable returns from gold currency countries. Not only that but most markets had been overstocked and the demand was consequently very poor. But the recent drop in exchange has put a better complexion on our business for this year, and our sales already show a good improvement.

With regard to the division of profits, as there is no special object in our building up a large Reserve Fund, we propose putting only \$10,000 to the credit of this fund and opening an Equalization of Dividend Account which will help to stabilize our regular dividend of \$2.00 and make it a little more certain for shareholders. We also recommend a bonus for the staff, but of course in a poor year like this we cannot be as liberal as on former occasions.

There is nothing in the accounts that requires special mention. Investments stand below current quotations, and stocks on hand of raw and wrought material are not only small, but are put in at low and conservative valuations.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented to this meeting be adopted and passed and that we,
Place to Reserve Fund .. \$10,000.00
Place to Equalization of Dividend Account .. 50,000.00
Pay a Bonus to Staff of .. 3,924.55
Pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share .. 60,000.00
and carry forward to New Account .. 9,949.93

When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Seconded by Mr. A. O. Lang.

Put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: The next business, gentlemen, is the re-election of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Northcote: I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Messrs. H. P. White, A. O. Lang and J. H. Wallace on the Consulting Committee.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried *unanimously*.

The Chairman: The only other business, gentlemen, is the re-election of auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. White: I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith to be Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each.

Mr. Cordeiro: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion for the re-election of Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith to be Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each.

Carried.
The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants may be had on application.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1921.commencing at 11 a.m.
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SHADOW OF DEFEAT.

THE 1918 FALL.

A GRAPHIC STORY.

The Cotta Publishing Company,
Stuttgart, have just published a book
entitled "Der König" (The King),
purporting to describe the bitter dis-
appointment and surprise of the ex-
Kaiser Wilhelm when he realized in
July, 1918, that the German offensive
on the Marne had broken down and
the Allied armies counter thrust had
begun—with devastating effect upon
the German troops.The book is written by Dr. Karl Ros-
ner, who, a war correspondent of the
most strongly Munchen-Berlin news-
paper, the Lokal Anzeiger, occupied a
position of confidence at German
Mater Headquarters and frequently
accompanied the ex-Kaiser on his
travels. "It is claimed that the scenes
and conversations it describes are
based on exact memoranda and not
unduly dramatized. According to the
Tagblatt, Dr. Rosner recounts how
the monarch on July 18, 1918, after
hearing of the German defeat, drove,
depressed, bewildered, and angry, to
Avesnes, where he met Marshal von
Hindenburg and General Ludendorff.In the carriage behind sits General
Oberst von Plessen, for whom "the
most impossible part of the whole
incident is the painful predicament
into which his Majesty has been
placed by the reverse. That ought
not to have happened! At a moment
like this, when such burdens seemed
so very undesirable for the sake of
the monarchist idea and the personal
prestige of his Majesty! The King
reaches headquarters at 4 o'clock. As
he mounts the steps Marshal von
Hindenburg—"diminished, stately,
without haste, without hesitation"—
comes to meet him.The King stretches out a hand to
the General—"his head vigorous-
ly. His lips move, but his voice fails
him. A thousand conflicting thoughts
seize his mind. All the bitterness
of the past few tortured days he has
stored up until now, brooded over
them, carried them with him until
he might unfold them all to Hinden-
burg.""Your Majesty has seen much in
these hard days," says Hindenburg;
"the war has shown a hard face. I
am happy to welcome your Majesty
here again—and if your Majesty
commands—" He glances through
the open door. The King nods. He
only wants one thing—to hear—to
hear—to be alone with Hindenburg
and know the truth—learn how they
think matters will develop. He
hastens into the villa.Hindenburg—now we had time
to come to an understanding about
the situation."The King wonders whether Luden-
dorff is remaining in the background,
out of faint-heartedness and depres-
sion because his plans have proved afailure, or under the pretext that he,
the King, has advised Hindenburg
only of his visit. They go to Luden-
dorff's room. Ludendorff is sitting
at his desk poring over documents;
he glances up, lets the monocle fall
from his eye, and springs up advanc-
ing a few steps towards the King,
who says—"You have had a strenuous tour,
Excellency?"
Ludendorff notices the nuance—
Excellency. The King is accustomed
to address him as General or My
dear General! It is bad temper!
Disgrace.Hindenburg offers to explain the
situation. The King nods. The
Marshal's words are much too slow
for his burning impatience. Hinden-
burg explains the army's plight. The
King exclaims: "The men failed,"Hindenburg meets his gaze quietly,
and continues: "We thought that
the drafts sent to the divisions in the
Watter and Winckler Groups, which
were fighting south-west of Soissons,
would have been capable of greater
resistance than has proved the case.
The troops yielded—and we have
lost a great many as prisoners."He tells the King of the surprising
success of the enemy's whippet tanks
against the German machine-guns, of
the confusion in the German posi-
tions. The King nods, remains
silent, tugs at his coat, then asks
abruptly, dryly: "Will the new line
hold?"The Marshal stands there square,
huge, unmoved. "That really can-
not be foretold off hand, your
Majesty. Our line is between the
Aisne and the Marne and a big
enemy offensive is before us. It may
go on for days."Perturbed and excited, yet eager
to appear firm and deliberate, the
King asks again: "So we shall
retire still farther—give up more
ground?" But his voice fails him
and the words escape him ungrac-
iously, almost rudely. He appeals
to the Generals to think of the effect
of defeat upon the restive people at
home in Germany, upon the Allies,
and upon the rest of the world. The
importance of resistance in the
interests of the Crown cannot be too
strongly emphasized.After an awkward pause Marshal
von Hindenburg indicates that "my
comrade," General Ludendorff, who
has stood by in silence, may perhaps
be allowed to speak.The King permits. His permission
is given in unfriendly monosyllables.
He looks at Ludendorff with alertness
and a readiness for defence in his
gaze. Ludendorff clears his throat
and stiffens slightly."I may remind your Majesty that
I have the new operations in
Flanders. The painful surprise for
Main Headquarters."Then we were thoroughly taken
by surprise?" The King's short,
bitter question sounds like a challeng-
ing blow. He is angry and threat-
ening.

LIFE IN THE EAST.

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ated Malay States, who writes:—

No married man should come out

here, even with secured employment,

on less than \$600 per month, and a

bachelor will have a very small mar-

gin on \$450, unless he denies him-

self all luxuries and most amuse-

ments. It is almost impossible for

people in England to realise that one

cannot economise here below a certain

margin. One must either live like a

European, which means certain inevit-

able expenses, or "go native" and

lose all the status of a European.

The latter alternative is one no self-

respecting man should contemplate

for a moment; better be a stone-

breaker on the roads in England than

sink below the European level in the

East: he could retain his character

and pride of race in the one case but

not in the other.

SIGHTS OF LONDON.

RUDYARD KIPLING INCLUDED.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, says a Home

paper, is probably the only living

Englishman of letters who has been

"done" as one of the sights of Lon-

don. Soon after his first settlement

in the Metropolis he was visited by a

bustling American and his two sons.

Bursting in the visitor asked briskly:

"You are Rudyard Kipling?" On

being answered he turned to his sons

with: "Boys, this is Rudyard Kip-

ling." "And this is where you

write?" "Boys, this is where I

write." "And before I could so

much as ask his name," said the

novelist, "they were gone."

The General makes no attempt to

contradict, but crosses to his map-

table, adjusts his monocle, and con-

tinues his military explanation. The

King listens suspiciously. One

see the cloven hoof thrust out

again. His blood rises. A second

retreat from the Marne! Such a

humiliation as never was before! And

for the world—which he sees as a

circle of evil, spiteful spectators

around the stage on which he has

fought and wrestled for his kingdom

for four years—second and last!

Where then? The old Aisne line

again?—or the Meuse? And then

the Rhine?

He sees the End yawning before

him—the embittered armies stream-

ing homewards, the disappointment

of the masses in Germany, the rising

of the unchained agitators.

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not remove rheumatism from your
system. It is dangerous to neglect
backache pains on the whole system
that mean disordered kidneys—head-
aches, nervous debility, bad breath,
gouty or dropsical swellings, constipa-
tion, bladder weakness, or diarrhoea.
If your kidneys are out of order they
are not properly performing their work
of keeping the blood free from
poisonous uric acid which is made
every day by the waste impurities
of the system. This means that the
uric acid is retained in your blood. Uric
acid takes the form of uric acid
crystals, and it is quite easy to
imagine how these cause terrible pains
if allowed to accumulate.For all stubborn diseases, kidney
trouble in any form is one of the
most difficult to overcome. In many
respects it is like Consumption.Consumption is curable, if you can
get at the germ, the cause of disease.
But the germs of Consumption are so
placed in the lungs as to prevent
medicines touching them. That is
why it is almost impossible to cure
Consumption with medicines.Kidney trouble is like Consumption—
it is so difficult to the germs in the
weak or diseased spot. When you
take ordinary Kidney or Backache
Pills or Mixtures, the drugs that you
take are very often useless. They
for kidney trouble, because they
never go near the kidneys, they
simply go into the stomach, then
into the bowels and away.Now, if you purge the kidneys, if you could only bend with great difficulty,
I was hardly ever free from
wearing, dragging pain. I tried all
sorts of advertised remedies, without
success, until 15 months ago I was
given a sample box of De Witt's
Kidney and Bladder Pills, and was
astonished at the relief they gave me.
I bought some more and continued the
treatment, and after a short time I
found I was absolutely free of my
complaint.The statement was made in 1914.
In 1919, five years later, Mr. Goodall
says:—I am now over 60 years of age,
and in very good health—thanks to
De Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills.
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always recommend them as being the
best thing I know of for kidney
trouble."De Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills
cure by going straight to the kidneys
and bladder. Within 24 hours they
are guaranteed to ease the pain, and
a blue tinge in the urine, proves be-
yond the healing ingredients have
passed right through the kidneys and
bladder. This blue colour is their dis-
tinguishing mark. A perfectly safe
and natural remedy, they never fail to
give relief and hardly ever fail to
cure permanently.In a recent test, out of a hundred
bad cases of kidney and bladder
trouble, ninety-seven of them were
positively cured by De Witt's Kidney
and Bladder Pills. Of the other three
although such bad cases, two got so
much benefit that they ought they
were cured, but were not positive.The remaining one was a failure—
the disease had gone too far.
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MARRIAGE.

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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1921.

MERCHANTS AND POLITICS.

More bottoms than demand, and lower freights, are reported and discussed. Locally, the chief concern seems to be whether the number of ships reported as lying up means a slump for local yards. Those interested console themselves with the reflection that local yards do more repairing than building, and will be able to carry on on that. It seems this comfort. The lower freights are not yet as low as shippers would like. They are low only relatively, in comparison with the abnormally high freights that prevailed owing to war conditions. The debaters do not seem to suspect that the idle ships may be arbitrarily and unnecessarily idle, as a means of trying to keep up freights. Such dodges, curtailment of production, and the like, have been tried to keep up high prices. Why not try freights, especially as it is understood that the total tonnage is less than it would have been if there had been no war? The reason for the absence of this suspicion is that everyone knows trade is really bad. There is not enough international buying and selling going on

to make shipping as busy as it was. Some seem to think that the vagaries of exchange account for the bad trade, knowing that in Hongkong both buyers and sellers are influenced by it. In a world survey, however, that is to put the cart before the horse, to confuse cause and effect. It is the movement of trade which primarily affects exchange, and not the other way round. It is more correct to say that the slackness (or imperfect rhythm) of international trade has affected exchange than to say that international exchange movements have "hindered trade," although cases in point can be cited to justify the latter. International trade at bottom is a bartering of surplus products. Banking at bottom is a record of such barter, plus the phenomenon called credit. Credit at bottom is the belief that against a shipment of one surplus a shipment of another has been or will be made. Goods offset goods unevenly as regards values, and the balances are represented by money transactions, which involve, according to whether the balance is bigger one way or the other, exchange fluctuations. Exchange differences at bottom represent the cost of transmitting cash to cover trade balances. If Hongkong owes a balance to New York, its debt in practice means the amount of that balance plus the cost of remitting. If it learns of a sum due from New York to Hongkong, it is a saving to pay a consideration for that obligation in order to use it as a set-off, and so save part of the cost of remitting. If trade be mostly one way, it is obvious that exchange will be very much to one side of "parity," which at bottom is merely a usual average, and not a real relation. Having these elementary definitions clearly in view, the quibbling need no longer vex his mind seeking for explanations of the bad trade now reported. He has only to remember that, inter alia, poli-

tics have banished two big customers from the world market. With Germany and Russia not taking their former part in international barter, there is bound to be a visible dislocation of trade, and a tremendous disturbance of exchange. For a country which formerly sold considerable surplus to Russia is not now in the same position to buy surplus from some other country, which in turn, losing sales, cannot buy from Germany. The names are merely illustrative, and are freely interchangeable, so intricately dovetailed and interdependent is international trade. It will be readily recognized that in such circumstances a manufacturing country must suffer more by the dislocation than an agricultural country. The British manufacturer, not being too well informed economically, took the prima facie view that the elimination of the German manufacturer would be "good for trade." So it might, but for the interference we have tried to sketch. Unfortunately, the German manufacturer, eliminated as a seller, is also eliminated as a buyer. Though A may not usually buy from B, who competes with him in sales to C and D, yet if A be prevented from making his usual purchases from C or D, there will be a reflection of it in the extent of B's sales to them. Surely that is plain enough. You cannot remove one tiny wheel from a watch without affecting, perhaps fatally, the operations of the rest of the complicated mechanism. Apparently politicians, and some mercantile folk who cultivate politics as a catch crop, have yet to learn this simple and obvious fact. We have heard much lately from the journalists, to whom a cliché phrase is always more than its meaning, of the "vicious circle." They can see that if the colliers get more wages coal must be dearer, and that dearer coal will mean higher freights, and higher freights higher prices, and higher prices greater cost of living, with (often) a slackening of trade, and they damn the seller and complain of the "vicious circle," as if there were ever a circle that wasn't "vicious." We move and have our being in circles. International trade is a circle, and trouble only comes to it when political meddlers try to cut out a segment, hoping, apparently, that an incomplete circle can still carry on the business of a circle. The "viciousness" of a circle is, if you will only stop to analyse the idea, the inevitableness of its complete and perfect circularity, which is so unaccommodating to your desire for short cuts. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." That annoys you. That is a vicious circle. You want to sin, and live. You want to eliminate a bit of the circumference, and yet continue circular. It cannot be done, and you blame the circle, dubbing it "vicious." It is you who are vicious, when introducing discord into the harmony of essential things that are, and must be, and cannot be altered without ceasing to exist. Life itself is the classic "vicious circle," the Buddhist's wheel of things. Politicians are flies on the wheel. The academic line of thought suggested may be followed for themselves by those who care and are capable; our immediate concern is to inoculate this idea that international trade is a circle whose general health depends upon the maintenance of its complete circularity. Until you have restored the missing segment or segments, you have no right to complain about bad trade. The true and perfect circumference of world trade is world peace, and whose world would work for the one must strive for the other. There is no other way. If we cannot beat our circle cutting swords into ploughshares, we can tie them together at the hilt, and of them make a pair of compasses. We must redraw our circle, resting the inner leg of our compasses on God, who is Love, in the midst thereof, revolving evenly about Him, and so regaining that true ring which only fools call "vicious." We must appeal with Swinburnian passion to some Dolores of common sense to "redeem us from virtue," from that virtue of the politicians that delights in short cuts, in short cuts that are proverbially the longest way round, that lead us, as we see, to powdery but the mess in which we now find ourselves.

This is our "vicious circle," that we have to prove that the prosperity of world trade depends on the perfect rotundity of world peace, in order to value so much more than the trade it ensures. We have to bribe with "goodies" the children to be good. What fretful, ignorant, loveable children they are, to be sure.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI WEATHER.

EXTRAORDINARY CONDITIONS.

HEAT FOLLOWED BY SNOW.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, March 3.

The extraordinary atmospheric conditions culminated on Wednesday in a heavy snowfall. The maximum temperature suddenly became 41 whereas on Sunday it was 77. This is a record for half a century.

SHANGHAI COURTS.

A LADY PRACTITIONER.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, March 3.

An interesting innovation at the Mixed Court was the admission to practice of Madame Alexandre Rosenberg, the first lady practitioner in a Shanghai Court.

VISITING SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, March 3.

An interesting visitor to Shanghai is Mr. Wilkinson, Chairman of Directors of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co., in connection with his Eastern tour. He dwelt on the proposed expansion during an interesting interview.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Three fatal cases of small-pox, Chinese, were reported yesterday, also one non-fatal case of diphtheria, Chinese, and two non-fatal cases of paratyphoid fever, one Indian and the other Chinese.

The police report of the fire on the "Korea Maru" yesterday, states that 315 bales of hemp were destroyed. Owing to the difficulty of attacking the flames through the hatch, holes were bored in the bulkhead large enough to admit the passage of hoses. Until the flames were subdued three tugs remained in the vicinity in order to tow the ship, should it have proved necessary to beach her.

Having been invalided from the local Government Service, Khan Sahib Hasham Khan returns to India shortly. The Khan Sahib, who was educated at Queen's College, and has been in the Government Civil Service—chiefly in the Post Office Department—since 1900, received the title of Khan Sahib as a reward for good service during the war in a Civil capacity and in the ranks of the Police Reserve, in which he was a Crown Sergeant.

The next Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral will take place on Monday evening at 9.15, when the soloist will be Miss Bertha Meischke, who will sing numbers by Cesar Franck and Gounod, Miss Meischke is a Diplomee of the Hague Conservatoire of Music and her first appearance here will be looked forward to with interest. The organ numbers will include several popular items, amongst them the magnificent last movement of one of the most popular works ever written, namely the pathetic symphony by Tschaiowsky.

Farmers throughout the province of Kwangtung are praying for rain. Not a drop of water has fallen since before the Chinese New Year which delays the ploughing of fields for the early crops and the farmers are worrying over the gloomy prospect of a belated harvest. According to the Canton papers, even the city wells are becoming dry causing considerable inconvenience among those residents who are depending upon the well as the only source of water supply.

A very attractive programme has been arranged by Mrs. Harry Woods and the Misses Allen and Doris Woods for the Cabaret Dance to be given in St. George's Room in the City Hall on the night of Thursday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Night) in aid of Earl Haig's fund for ex-Servicemen. H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs have extended their patronage to the event which is worthy of the most generous support. The pleasure afforded by the evening will be the greater in the knowledge of a deserving cause helped.

The demand for housing accommodation in the Peninsula remains unabated, says "The Rock." As evidence of this fact, an instance may be cited of one of the houses in Lochiel Terrace sold two months ago for \$9,200 being now bid for at \$13,000. In other words, an appreciation of over 40 per cent in two months. Even at such a big profit the owner has not been tempted to part with the property for the good reason that he is unable to obtain as good accommodation elsewhere in Kowloon as is offered in his own house, unless at a prohibitive rental.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

WILTS. 2; POLICE 0.

At Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Wilts and the Police met in connection with their postponed match in the first round of the Hongkong "Shield" Competition, and as they were due to meet again in connection with the First Division of the Hongkong Football League on Saturday, it was mutually agreed that yesterday's match should decide both issues, the winners to receive two points in the League and enter the semi-final of the "Shield" Competition against the R.G.A.

J. Clark, the Police right back, did not turn out with the team, as he is still on the injured list. Included in the Police ranks were Pearson, R. E. an old interpreter, and Toms and Brown of the "Alacrity." The Police lost the toss. Pearson kicked off, and immediately put the side on the offensive. A strenuous struggle in front of goal resulted in Robertson forcing a corner off Giles but the ball was cleared. The Wilts went to the other end and forced a corner off McWalters, but nothing resulted. Play was very fast with both goals visited alternately, but for quite a while neither set of forwards could break the defence. After missing a good opening by allowing Trivet to tackle him in front of an open goal, Robertson returned to the attack and was brought down in the penalty area. He took the penalty kick himself but sent the ball straight to Smith who punched it out. Robertson caught the ball on the rebound but sent it out. When the Wilts attacked, Toms headed a dangerous shot from Evans. Hands against Lancaster then relieved and the Police went away, giving the defence a hot time until Giles cleared. Half time came with the score sheet blank.

In the second half the Wilts attacked. Relief was brought only by Lancaster fouling Robertson. Soon afterwards the Wilts came back and subjected the Police to a hot bombardment, but Hillyer was wide awake and made several good saves. Following a corner Henham trapped the ball and sent in a ground shot which gave Hillyer no chance. From the centre the Police went down but Giles cleared. At the other end the Wilts forced a corner. The kick was well taken. Mair headed the ball out. Giles stopped it and sent in a first timer from long range. Hillyer misjudged and the ball went into the net over his head. The Police tried hard after this but time was against them, and when the final whistle came they were the losers by two goals to nil.

By the result of this match, the Wilts add two points to their total in the Hongkong League and make the Cup safe for themselves as they are five points ahead of their nearest rivals on the league tables. Taking play on the whole, the Police should have won the match in the first half when they threw away at least three good opportunities by hasty shooting. The Wilts worked very hard in the second half, and had by far the better of the exchanges.

Mr. Williams was the referee.

TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Bad light interfered with the matches scheduled for play yesterday at the Club ground. The events in the open cases were—S. Rumjahn and O. Rumjahn v. Major H. M. Edwards and R. Townsend, near the pavilion, and Ng Sze Kwong and M. P. Chow v. H. Krebs and E. E. Brown. The second of these matches was distinctly dull, both sides making the very maximum of errors. The Champion seemed to be unable to get the ball in the middle of his racquet for the first set at all events, and some ludicrous shots from him and Chow roused the mirth of the spectators. Krebs and Brown were only moderately good, their play being very erratic, but helped by the play of their opponents they only lost the first set at 6-4. Recovering a little, the Chinese took the next at 6-3, but the light failed almost altogether, and the match was abandoned at 2-1 in the players' favour in the third set. Unless the light be held to account for the play of the favourites they will stand no chance at all against Wong and Yvancvich.

The other match, between the Rumjahn brothers and Townsend and Major Edwards was a much closer and entertaining one, though the light here too, spoilt to some extent an exciting contest. The English pair had a great advantage in height, and their smashing proved a thorn in the side of the Rumjahn brothers. The first set went to Townsend and Major Edwards at 6-4, but with the Indians playing steadily and their opponents suffering from a lapse they took the second at 6-2; one set left, and the Englishmen took the third set after a prolonged struggle, in which their smashing, helped by reach, was too much for the rather short shots of their opponents.

The fourth set proved the most interesting. The Indians, lobbing improved, and Edwards made many mistakes at the net. The score went to four all, and the Club pair had

DOUBLE FUNERAL.

THE LATE CAPT. AND MRS. A. C. PLANT.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The funeral of the late Captain and Mrs. A. C. Plant whose deaths occurred within a couple of days of each other took place at Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. There was a large gathering of mourners present, the local shipping offices and the Royal Navy being well represented.

When the hearse arrived at the Monument, it was met by a small contingent of blue jackets from H.M.S. "Tarantula" under five Naval Officers, also by a large gathering of civilians. A short halt was made for the wreaths to be placed on the hearse. The procession then formed up and the carriage was slowly drawn to the gates of the Protestant Cemetery where Bishop Banister, of North China met the coffin and led the way to the grave side where he conducted a very impressive burial service, paying a very touching tribute to the life work of the deceased Captain.

The chief mourners were the deceased's two adopted daughters who were accompanied by the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone and Mr. R. Sutherland (representing Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and the Indo-China S.N. Co., respectively); Capt. Wheeler and Mr. D. McMurray (also of Jardine's), Mr. G. T. Edkins (of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire); Mr. W. G. Lay (Local Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs); Mr. H. L. Russell (Deputy Commissioner of Customs); Capt. Innes, Capt. Hall, Capt. Riggs, and Capt. Summerville, and Messrs. J. Tully, F. C. Becke, D. E. Donnelly and Duncan Clark.

In his address Bishop Banister said, the name of Captain Plant would be remembered as that of an able shipping man, who, in the last 13 years of his life, had made a new pathway for the service of mankind. He was a pioneer navigator of the upper reaches of the Yangtze. No man in China, continued the Bishop, knew the dangers of the eddies, whirlpools, gorges and rapids of the Yangtze better than the man at whose grave they had gathered. He had never met Captain Plant, but had heard of him from a fellow passenger from Shanghai as a man who had done a true and faithful task in life. It was sheer tragedy that the wife should have followed the husband so quickly to join the majority, and he wished particularly to commend to those present the remembrance of such an able man.

Among the beautiful wreaths placed on the grave were those from the following: Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander L. Duff and Miss Duff, "His colleagues of the Chinese Maritime Customs," Indo-China S.N. Co., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Commander B. R. Brooke, R.N., and all officers who have served on Upper Yangtze gunboats. Inspector General of Chinese Maritime Customs, Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Marine Superintendent of China Navigation Co., Captain G. Chapman, of the s.s. "Sinking," the Ichang community, Mr. F. G. Becke, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Donnelly and Mr. Ivor A. Donnelly.

The next service. They won the game, making it five-four, but the Rumjahn replied with five all after a gruelling game. The score then read (Townsend and Major Edwards first) 6-5, 6 all, 7-6, 7 all, 8-7, 8 all, and it was clear that time and light would permit only a few more games, so that the Rumjahn had to get the set in order to make it two sets all and have a replay another day. They did succeed in this, after an interminable number of deuces, taking the next game against their opponents' service, and holding their own, 10-8. The match had already been three times within a point of a decision in favour of the English pair, so that the Indians saved it only by the skin of their teeth. All the players were making mistakes with freedom, but as these were fairly equally distributed, we can conclude that the replay will afford another close match. I fancy that the Rumjahn will just win it.

A. PLAYER.

BILLIARD 05.

HO KONG TONG CUPS.

Playing at the Palace Hotel last night, Mr. J. P. Wilson (-200) beat Mr. D. Urquhart (-125), 250-83. Best breaks—Mr. Wilson, 32, 24, 21, 20, 17, 15, 15, 15; Mr. Urquhart, 16, 15.

Mr. A. J. Osmond (-300) beat Mr. W. Smith (-100), 250-150. Best breaks—Mr. Osmond, 41, 40, 40, 38, 37, 30, 22, 22, 20, 19, 18, 15, 15; Mr. Smith, 24.

TONIGHT'S MATCHES.

6 p.m.—Mr. J. Muckerjee (-50) v. Mr. J. Sowray (-200).

9 p.m.—Not yet arranged.

V.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

In the fourth round of the V.R.C. Billiards championship W. Pitt beat Leung Kam Kwong to-morrow night at 8.30. Entrance is 25 cents for members, sailors, and soldiers, and 50 cents for others.

THEATRE ROYAL.

WARWICK COMPANY.

"THE LAST ACT."

So greatly did the audience in the Theatre Royal last night enjoy the clever presentation by the Warwick Company of "The Last Act," a new "mystery" play which is shortly to be staged in London for the first time, that the fall of the curtain at the conclusion of the play brought insistent calls for the authors, Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne and his wife, both of whom were presented with handsome bouquets as tributes to their literary skill and histrionic abilities. If last night's cordial reception of the play be any criterion, its immediate success in London is assured.

The plot, the intense drama of which is relieved by welcome flashes of humour, relates the surprising complications which follow the supposed disappearance of a wealthy spinster. A changed will and an unfinished letter figure in the relentless efforts of a woman claiming to be the "deceased" lady's niece to lay a charge of murder against the innocent son of a neighbouring landed gentleman. How the mystery is unravelled by an amateur, if expert, criminologist, whose "unorthodox" methods rouse the scorn and ire of the police, and the supposed niece is proved to be in reality the aunt herself who has engineered the "disappearance" in order to encompass the ruin of the young man whose father had wronged her in the past, is shown in a skilful manner that never allows the dramatic interest to flag and gives rise to more than one telling situation. The success of the play is considerably enhanced by a happy love interest.

The parts were unusually well cast. Miss Beatrix Wynn gave a splendid portrayal of the malignant schemer. Especially fine was her outburst of maniacal rage and baffled hate when her conspiracy was finally exposed. Mr. Thorpe-Mayne was convincing as the amateur criminologist who saves the man the woman of his heart has chosen. Miss Joan Mayne was admirable as the distracted fiancée of the wrongly accused man. Among the other members of the Company, all of whom played their respective parts with ease and conviction, mention should be made of Miss Lena Flowerdew as the elderly housekeeper.

"CAPTAIN DREW" TO-NIGHT. Hubert Henry Davies has written many delightful comedies, but many good judges hold the view that "Captain Drew" is the most successful of them all. The play gives scope for fine acting. Mr. N. Thorpe-Mayne, who is a very firm favourite here, reveals in the name part, while Miss Joan Mayne is at her best in the difficult part of Mrs. Moxon—the shy little country mouse. A curious little character in the play is that of Miss Mills, very ably played by Miss Dorothy Radford. This artist is seen all too little in the repertoire. Her characterisation of the stupid young person who labours under the delusion that she is always upon the point of being proposed to is one of her best pieces of work and always makes a very big impression. "Captain Drew" is very well worth seeing for it presents an unusual method of dealing with the "eternal triangle."

KINEMA NOTES.

CORONET ATTRACTION.

Those who visited the Coronet last night, undoubtedly came away with the satisfaction of knowing that "Thirty a Week" thoroughly deserves the reputation that has preceded it here. The story is exceedingly attractive, and holds interest from start to finish, while the photography leaves nothing to be desired. "Thirty a Week" evolves the tale of an heiress who elopes with her chauffeur and strange though it may sound, lives happily with him ever after.

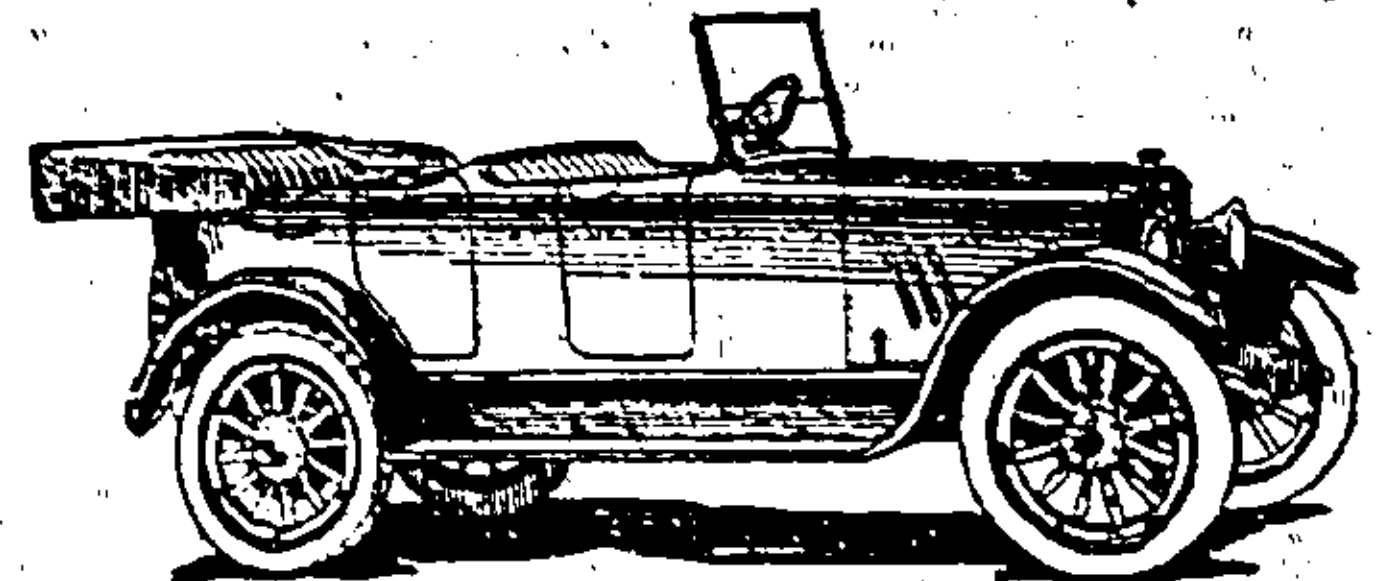
The story is told in a simple direct manner, and the characters are human ones whose problems are free from nerve racking complications and are easily understood. It is the human side of the story which stamps it as an attraction which all classes will enjoy, and the subtleties as well as the coquetry in "natural" language which betrays the character. Heart appeal abounds throughout the feature, and the love interest is delightful. Tom Moore is the right mixture of smiling good nature and spirited independence, and makes the role of Dan a most congenial one. Tallulah Bankhead as the heiress has personality as well as good looks, and should win a solid place for herself in the hearts of Photoplay lovers.

The picture has been extremely well directed and staged with excellent taste, and is certainly one of the best productions we have seen Tom Moore in.

The same programme includes the first of a new series of Cartoon Comedies pictured from "George McManus famous comics." "Bringing up Father," the present edition "Jiggs in Society" is a great laugh-maker, and if the rest of the series are up to the same standard, popularity is assured.

The British Gazette completes a splendid programme which will be screened at the Coronet until Saturday noon.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 2.30 p.m., to-day.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Reginald E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., presided.

There were present:—
H.E. Major-General Sir George M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B. (Officer) Commanding the Troops.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

The Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E. (Attorney-General).

The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (Director of Public Works).

The Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education).

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak).

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary tabled the Financial Minutes and the Report of the Finance Committee No. 1.

HARBOUR LIGHT DUES.

After the minutes of the previous meeting and other formal business had been transacted, the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution:—

Whereas it is expected that the total Revenue derived from Light Dues (Special Assessment) since the introduction of the rates at present in force will exceed in the current year the sum of \$1,104,293, being half the cost of the Typhoon Refuge at Munkoktsui;

And whereas an undertaking was given that this Special Assessment would not be continued after the above-mentioned sum had been raised unless a new Resolution should first be proposed to the Legislative Council;

And whereas, in view of the financial requirements of the Colony, it is expedient to continue the collection of Light Dues at the present rates;

It is hereby resolved by this Council that Light Dues shall continue to be collected at the rates laid down in Table P of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, No. 10 of 1899.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that since the last meeting the matter had been very carefully considered by the Chamber of Commerce Committee, and while they were not prepared to uphold this resolution they would do so on condition His Excellency was prepared to give them a pledge that no further taxation would be made on shipping in the future. Their reason was that they desired again to draw the attention of the Government to the absolute necessity in the interests of British trade of maintaining Hongkong as an absolutely free port. Until a few years ago Hongkong was one of the freest ports in the world and with certain limited restrictions it was today. That was because the Chamber of Commerce Committee, representing not only the greatest shipping interests but also the greatest mercantile interests in the Colony, was convinced that it was essential to trade, which was the life of Hongkong, that these conditions should be maintained.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone, who supported Mr. Holyoak's remarks, said that he thought His Excellency was prepared to admit that the harbour was the best asset of this Colony. He did not think that their status as a free port would be greatly interfered with by the additional percentage on the light dues. Therefore he was prepared to vote in favour of the resolution provided that His Excellency would give them some assurance that the money so raised would be spent on improvements to the harbour itself.

The Hon. Mr. Parr associated himself with the remarks made by the two previous speakers.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said that he wished to support the observations also.

H.E. the Governor said that the Government was asked to pledge itself in very wide terms. He fully appreciated the necessity of keeping Hongkong as far as possible a free port, but he must say that he did not think the very small levy on shipping which was involved in the light dues was a matter of serious importance to shipping. If the Government ceased to collect these dues what would happen? He would like to ask Mr. Parr whether if three dues were abolished or reduced there was any possibility of the freights and passages charged by the P. & O. Company being lower.

ed. If freights and passages continued, at the present exorbitant figures he submitted that the Companies were well able to contribute a small sum towards expenses which otherwise would fall on the general taxpayer. If a reduction in the light dues would result in a reduction in the costs of the shipping companies he would be happy to agree to the removal of the dues. He was not absolutely clear as to the meaning of Mr. Holyoak's remark about future taxation on shipping. He would go so far as to say that members of the Council had forgotten that the measure was only a temporary one and were surprised when the proposal was made that it should be made permanent.

Mr. Holyoak expressed dissent.

His Excellency continued that the question of what further burdens if necessary should be imposed on shipping depended upon factors in the future. As already indicated he imagined that in the future a very large sum of money would be spent on the harbour to keep it up to date. The receipts from the light dues would represent a very trivial amount in comparison with this expenditure. If the Government had to spend a large sum on the harbour it was perhaps not unreasonable that shipping should be asked to pay its share. The Government would try to avoid taxation on shipping but they must conceive of these things being done in the future. Without making a definite pledge for the future they would vote that the dues be continued during the present year. The matter could be considered on a future occasion and if it were necessary to make a levy on shipping the two things could be considered together. In that case the resolution would be that the light dues be continued during the present year.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that he was prepared to vote for the measure if a pledge were given that no further taxation would be made in the near future on the shipping of this port. He made this stipulation at the express request of the Chamber of Commerce because they were quite conscious that before long it was likely that they would have the report of Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice on the necessary improvements for the development of the harbour. It was precisely for that reason that the Chamber of Commerce was anxious to guard against undue taxation falling on shipping. He must confess that he had heard with some alarm the expression made by His Excellency with regard to the future possibility of taxation on shipping. If the harbour developments recommended by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice were necessary for the life of the port they should only be made on condition that the Colony had sufficient revenue or that a loan could be raised. There should certainly be no taxation on shipping on which the life of the Colony depended.

H.E. the Governor said that he was not quite certain whether Mr. Holyoak definitely declined to accept his suggestion, but if he had not definitely said it, he meant to imply that while these dues were collected no new taxation would be imposed on shipping. When the question did arise of raising new taxation on shipping and came before the Council the two things could be considered together. He thought it would be unreasonable to ask for a definite pledge that no further taxation would be imposed on shipping but he would again suggest that the light dues be continued for the present year on the understanding that no further taxation be raised from shipping while they were in force.

HON. MR. HOLYOAK'S QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak asked the following questions:—

(1) Will the Government state when they hope to open the separate Maternity Ward of the Barker Road Hospital?

1. In about fifteen months.

(2) Have the recommendations of the Coroner's jury on the "Tai O" tragedy been carried out as regards two European Police Officers being stationed at outstations?

2. Two European Police Officers have been stationed at Tai O since the tragedy and also at Lok Ma Chau, an exposed frontier station. Two European Officers have also been stationed from time to time at Cheung Chau. The strength of the European Police Force does not admit of a Second Police Officer being sent to other rural stations, but when the European Contingent is up to full strength it will be possible to send a Second Officer to certain other stations.

(3) Will the Government, in view of the recent tragedy at West Lint, wherein several persons lost their lives and many were injured, take steps at once to prohibit the sale of all so-called "Bombs" in this Colony, and further to enforce existing legislation against the throwing of crackers, stones or other missiles from verandahs of houses and buildings into the roadway?

3. The Government intends to prohibit the sale or use in the Colony of all cracker bombs or other explosive objects that depend for their effect on the shattering of a strong casing or that explode by detonation, and to enforce the provisions of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance where an article is used specially included in the list of Dangerous Goods. Such prohibition will not affect the crackers generally used. The reply to the latter part of the question is that there is considerable difficulty in enforcing existing legislation owing to the impossibility in most cases of identifying the actual offender, while there are objections to legislating for the purpose of making the occupier of the premises from which objects are thrown criminally liable for the acts of others.

(4) In view of the general and considerable increase in motor traffic in this Colony, and the probability that it will still further increase ere long, will the Government appoint a small committee to enquire into and revise traffic conditions and regulations?

4. The traffic regulations were carefully revised last year and it is not considered that any further revision is now required.

HON. MR. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., asked the following questions:—

(1) Will the Government include in the Hongkong Hansard all Legislative Council Questions which have been answered in the Government Gazette, together with the Answers to such Questions?

1. The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) Will the Government include in the Census which is being compiled this year, a Census of Chinese who have been bought—

(a) for purposes of adoption; (b) for domestic service?

2. It is proposed to add a column to the Chinese Schedule requesting information regarding adopted persons. The exact wording is now under consideration.

(3) When will work be commenced on the Kowloon hospital site? What steps are being taken to expedite the building of such hospital?

3. It is not possible at present to give a date. Sketch plans have been prepared and are considered satisfactory. It is possible that work on the site will be commenced within two months and when the detailed plans are finished tenders will be invited.

(4) Is it the fact that, without alteration to the passing points, cars can be put on the Peak Tramway to hold 60 passengers each instead of 40? If so, will the Government, in view of many people being frequently crowded out of the cars, urge the Peak Tramway Company to put on such larger cars at an early date?

4. The whole question of what, if any, alterations are desirable in the Peak Tramway is under consideration, and the Government is not prepared to make any representation to the Company with regard to the size of the cars at the present time.

(5) Will the Government lay upon the table the correspondence between—

(i) His Excellency the Governor; and

(ii) The Hongkong Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon the subject of Constitutional reform, since the Public meeting in January, 1919, at which resolutions were passed in favour of—

(i) An Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council; (ii) The abolition of Government nomination in regard to all the non-Chinese members of that Council; and (iii) Enlarging the body of electors?

5.—It is not proposed to lay the correspondence, practically all of which consist of confidential despatches.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said with regard to the answer to his question No. 2 he would like to point out that the question dealt with (a) adopted children, and (b) those bought as domestic servants. He was not sure from the answer if it was intended to neglect that part dealing with children bought for domestic services.

H.E. the Governor said that the question as a whole is receiving consideration.

With regard to answer No. 4, Mr. Pollock asked how long the Government would have the matter under consideration, and how soon are the Government's views in the matter likely to be given.

H.E. said that was a question that the Hon. member must give notice of.

Dealing with the answer to question No. 5, Mr. Pollock asked why any despatches of confidence need be sent home on such a simple matter.

H.E. the Governor said that the question was irregular and could not be answered. Mr. Holyoak said he would like to give notice to the following questions arising out of the answers which had just been given to his questions:

(1) Will the Government state why so long a delay as 15 months should be necessary for such an important matter as a maternity ward?

(2) When do the Government expect the Police Force to be at full strength?

With regard to the answer to question No. 4, Mr. Holyoak said that he did not accept it as satisfactory, and he was sure the Chamber of Commerce would not. In view of this he would move the following resolution:

That in view of the alteration of the Traffic Regulations in the Colony, the Government appoint a small committee to inquire into the matter.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

1. It is intended that exclusive rights of running a motor omnibus service in Kowloon and New Kowloon shall be granted to the near future, and the object of this Bill is to amend the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, so as to provide the necessary powers to do so.

2. Exclusive rights will be granted in order to secure a regular service to outlying districts, which would not be possible under a system of free competition, and it is also anticipated that by this method a better service will be provided generally for the public.

3. The opportunity has also been taken to add a definition of "motor vehicle" to section 2 of the principal Ordinance, and to increase the penalty imposed by section 4 of the principal Ordinance, in order to bring it into line with other legislation of a similar character.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and there being no objections, the Bill was read a second time.

The Hon. Attorney-General then moved that the Council go into Committee and consider the Bill clause by clause.

This was unopposed, and the Council went into Committee.

Coming out of Committee, the Hon. Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

1. The object of this Bill is to except from the operation of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908, (a) the Indian and Chinese members of the Police Force and (b) all Government servants whose pay is less than \$420 per annum. \$420 per annum is the minimum pay in the clerical service under the revised salaries scheme. It is believed that the classes affected will welcome the relief from liability to contribute to a fund which is not so useful to them as to those members of the service to whom the Ordinance will still apply.

2. Existing contributors are given by clause 3 the choice between continuing to contribute and withdrawing. In the latter event, they will receive back half of the total amount of their contributions, without interest. Officers on leave at the commencement of the Ordinance are allowed until one month after return from leave to make their election between continuance and withdrawal. All other officers are allowed until one month after the commencement of the Ordinance to make their election.

3. The rights of officers who shall have left the service before the commencement of the Ordinance will not be affected.

4. The Widows' and Orphans' Pension (Amendment) Ordinance, 1914, is repealed because it merely introduced the definition of the term officer which is now being repealed.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and there being no objections, the Bill was read a second time.

The Hon. Attorney-General then moved that the Council go into Committee and consider the Bill clause by clause.

At this stage several small changes were made to the wording of the Bill on the motion of the Hon. Attorney-General.

Coming out of Committee, the Hon. Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and Bill was read a third time and passed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The following votes recommended by H.E. the Governor came before the Finance Committee and were approved:—

\$400 in aid of the vote Public Works Recurrent, New Territories, Water Works, (47) Water Account, (Meters, &c.)

\$411.09 in aid of the following vote:—

Public Works Extraordinary, Kowloon:—

Buildings:—

Timahau Police Station Extension.....\$116.85

King's Park Quarters, Installing Water Closets.....294.24

Total.....\$411.09

SUBMERGED WRECK LOCATED.

Notice is given that the wrecked Dredger "Shanghai," which was reported as sunk in the southern approaches to Steep Island Pass, Chusan Archipelago, has been located in a position from which Steep Island Lighthouse bears N. 49° E., magnetic, distant 6.75 miles. The least water over the wreck was found to be 51 feet at low water of spring tides.

The collection at Union Church for the North China Famine Relief Fund on Feb. 20, totalled \$879.11, which amount has been transmitted to the central fund per Rev. A. E. Claxton, Shanghai, Treasurer of the London Missionary Society for China.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A reception in honour of the 29 BISHOPS of the Missions Estrangeres at present in the Colony will be held at the CATHOLIC UNION, on SUNDAY, the 6th instant, at 4.30 P.M., to which all Catholics are cordially invited.

J. D. OSMUND,
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Hongkong, March 3, 1921.

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Hongkong, March 3, 1921.

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NIKKO MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Mar., at 11 a.m.

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Corried - Ham Ngan Yuk	30	Capons, Large - Shu Kai	38
Roast - Shiu	19	Duck - Ap	33
Breast - Ngan Nam	16	Doves - Fan Kau	25
Soup - Tong Yuk	16	Eggs Hen - Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	38
Shank - Ngan Yuk Pa	19	Eggs Hen - Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	38
Shank Steaks - Ngan Lan	28	Fowls, Canton - Kai	40
Sausages - Ngan Cheung	23	Fowls, Hainan - Kai Nam Kai	32
Silcock's Brains - Ngan No per set	30	Geese - Ngo	38
Tongue, fresh - Ngan Li each 50		Pigeons, Canton - Pak Kap	35
Tongue, corned - Ham Ngan Li each 50 cents		Hidchew - Hot Hat Pak Kap	
Head - Ngan Tao	30	Turkeys, Cook - Fo Kai Kung	70
Heart - Ngan Sam	13	Turkeys, Hen - Fo Kai Na	65
Hump, Salt - Ngan Kin	18	Scalps - Kai Tai	25
Feet - Ngan Kank	10	Pheasant - Shan Kai	1.10
Kidneys - Ngan Yiu	9	Quail - Om Chiu	25
Ngan Mai	18	Partridges - Cha Yu	75
Liver - Ngan Kon	13		
(Tripe undressed) Ngan To 1b. 5			
Salver Head and Feet - Ngan Tai	1.00		
Matton Chop - Young Fat Kwai	33		
Leg - Young Fat	32		
Shoulder - Young Fat	32		
Saddle - Young On Yuk	32		
Pig's Chollings - Chu Chong	32		
Brains - Chu No	per set 3		
Feet - Chu Kank	1b. 15		
Fry - Chu Chap	18		
Head - Chu Tai	15		
Heart - Chu Sam	each 10		
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Sheep's Head and Feet - Young			
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Liver - Young Kon	1b. 32		
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Fish.		Vegetables, &c.	
Garbel - Ka Yu	1b. 15	Artichokes - Ah Chi Cheek	each 8
Steam - Pin Yu	14	Beans, Sprout - Nga Tao	1b. 4
Crab Fresh Water Fish -		Long - Tai Kok	
Hot Sin Yu	12	Beet Root - Hong Tai Tau	2 each
Crab - Li Yu	14	Bitter Squash - Fu Kwa	1b. 5
Crab - Chik Yu	15	Brinjals, Green - Ching Yau Kwa	5
Crab - Min Yu	14	Red - Hong Kwa	5
Crab - Hal	32	Cabbage Chinese, (common)	1b. 5
Crab - Mak Yu	12	Kai Tai	5
Crab - Shu Mang Yu	38	(Shanghai) - Yai Tai	10
Crab - Wong Mei Lap	10	Cassia, (Large) - Yai Tai	12
Dog Fish - Tai To Sha	8	(Medium)	10
Sala, Conger - Hot Man	13	(Small)	8
Fresh water - Tam Shai Yu	12	Carrots - Kam Shun	1b. 6
Yellow - Wong Sin	20	Chickens - Tong Kan Tai	5
Frogs - Tin Kai	40	Chillies, Dried - Kon Lat Chiu	27
Jacropa - Shik Pan	46	Red - Hong Fa Chin	18
Guadon - Pak Kap Yu	15	Green - Ching Lat Chiu	12
Flourishes - Tao Pak	16	Curry Stiff, English - Ka Li Chu Lin	1b. 10
Halibut - Cheung Kwan Kai	18	Cucumbers - Ching Kwa	each 5
Labrus - Wong Fa Yu	20	Garlic - Sun Tau	1b. 6
Loach - Wu Yu	30	Ginger young - Sun Tau Kung	8
Lobster - Lung Ha	32	Ginger, old - Lo Kung	6
Mackerel - Chi Yu	16	Hornedfish, Shanghai - Tai Kan	12
Mont Fish - Mong Yu	24	Indian Corn - Shik Mai	each 5
Mullet - Tai Yu	16	Lettuce - Young Sheng Tai	1b. 2
Mytilus - Shung Ho	22	Water Chestnuts - Ma Tai	1b. 6
Parrot Fish - Kai Kung Yu	18	Lam Ma Tai	8
Pike - Tai Pa Shu	10	Mushrooms, Fresh - Sheng Tai Ku	1b. 10
Plaice - Pan Yu	18	Kiokro	1b. 10
Pomfret, Black - Hak Chong	16	Onions, Bombay - Young Ching Tai	1b. 18
Pomfret, White - Pak Chong	32	Onions, Green - Sheng Ching Tai	5
Prawns - Ming Ha	60	Onions, Shanghai - Sheng Ching Tai	5
Ray - Tai Pa Shu	12	Parsley - Kun Tai	15
Rock Fish - Shik Kung	12	Potato, Sweet - Fan Shu	3
Salmon - Ma Yau	36	" Japanese - Yai Fun Ching Tai	1b. 4
Shark - Shu Yu	10	" American - Yai Ki Shu Tai	1b. 4
Shrimp - Po Yu	13	Pumpkin - Hong Lo Pak Tai	4
Skipper - Ha	38	Rhubarb (Fresh) - Tai Wong	10
Skipper - Lap Yu	32	Shallots - Kung Ching Tai	8
Sole - Tai Shu Yu	24	Spinach - Yin Tai	5
Tench - Wai Yu	14	Taro - Fan Tai	5
Torbet - Tao Hau Yu	38	Tonkotsu - Fan Tai	5
Turbot - small, fresh water	90	Turnips, Panki, (Long) - Lo Pak	4
Kank Yu		Vegetable Marrow - Tai Kwa	5
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		Lily root - Lin Ngau	5
		Yams - Tai Shu	5

LOOKING FORWARD.

OUTLOOK HEALTHIER.

CURRENT PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

Loat Fraser writes in the Daily Mail:

With the unemployed increasing in numbers every day, it is not easy to say that the outlook for 1921 is brighter than the position a year ago. Yet I think it is healthier and more sane, and that is a great gain. If we have not yet reached rock-bottom, I trust we are very near it. At least we know where we stand. The dreams have vanished, and it is far better to be face to face with reality.

The first problem to be faced during the coming year is retrenchment. Ministers know it, business men know it, and Labour knows it. Even Dr. Addison, though I am told he continues to bluster a good deal, begins to perceive that policy must bear some relation to a dwindling revenue.

It requires courage to say that the outlook abroad and in the Overseas Dominions is better than it was when 1920 dawned, but I venture to make the assertion. There is less war talk in the air. All nations are realizing that the whole world is in an economic plight, and with that

holosome realisation will come efforts to get things straight.

The danger of world-revolution has receded. The bulk of the people in most countries have been Russian Bolshevism with the lid off. They know now what it means, and are not in the mood to try the cure of Leninism, which means class slaughter followed by chaos and starvation.

France and Belgium are steady, and Italy is far more stable than seemed possible a few months back. In this country we are not quite so anxious as Marshal Foch about Germany. He is right to draw attention to the German forces of reaction, but, as in our own land, the real danger in Germany lies in the possibility of financial collapse.

Our financial perils are curable enough, if the Government and the public take the right path. In Germany the risks are more imminent and less capable of ready solution. Revolutions are bred out of despair, and Germany has to reckon both with her reactionaries and her extremists. Yet there is still a great preponderance of middle-view Germans, and I should be inclined to back their influence against either the Ludendorffs or the left disorganizers, or the men who are hand in glove with Moscow.

Though the Entente with France has been subjected to occasional strain, it remains a firm reality

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(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

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COMMISSION COMING.

LONDON, March 2.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir John Randles, Mr. Montagu announced that a commission would be appointed to examine, with reference to all the interests concerned in the future fiscal policy of the Government of India, including the desirability of adopting the principle of imperial preference. He emphasised that no decision with regard to imperial preference could be taken until the commission reported.

Johnson Hicks asked if Montagu would wholeheartedly support the principle of imperial preference.

Montagu replied that he was very anxious that in any fiscal arrangement devised for the Empire and India, India should take her place as a free partner in the British Empire and follow the general imperial practice (cheers).

MORE DAVIS CUP CHALLENGES.

New York, March 2.

Czechoslovakia and the Philippines have entered challenges for the Davis Cup.

ANTI-TRUST LAW PROSECUTIONS.

New York, March 2.

Seventy-four big cement corporations and 40 individual officers employed by them have been indicted by the Federal Court charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

BY-ELECTION RESULT.

LABOUR LOSES A SEAT.

LONDON, March 2.

The Woolwich bye-election, occasioned by the resignation of the Labour member Crooks, was won by Mr. Gee, Unionist, with 13,724 votes. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour, ran him closely with 13,040.

LOOKING FORWARD.

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I have known the East and its peoples from the Danube to Tokyo. I do not expect to see Bolshevism scallywags and Turkish catch-em-if-you-can under Mustapha Kemal marching side by side through Asia Minor. They would be scuppering one another before they had advanced five miles. Persia is undoubtedly under some danger of further Bolshevik menaces, but Russia has been threatening Persia for a hundred years.

When I hear horrid stories of Bolshevik hordes massing in Turkey for an advance on India, I only grin, for mine eyes have looked upon the mighty ramparts of the Himalayas. Have you heard of the whispering galleries of the East? There is not a big bazaar in India which does not know how the Bolsheviks have treated Bokhara. The Afghans have had enough of Bolshevism, and we have just sent to Kabul a thoroughly good man, Sir Henry Dobbs, knighted on Saturday.

Nor, though I touch wood as I write the words, am I worrying much about the position in India. The people of Great Britain must make up their minds (as I believe they are quite willing to do) that henceforth Indians must play a far larger and more direct part in the control of their own affairs. They will probably govern themselves far less efficiently than we have governed them, but it will be madness to resist the spirit of the times.

The period of transition will be anxious and there may be grave trouble during the coming year, but we must keep cool about it if it arrives. Mr. Gandhi and his Mussulman allies are wild, unbalanced men, of whom we have by no means heard the last, but there are immense silent conservative forces in India of which this country knows but little. In my judgment these forces, in conjunction with the vast influence of the princes and chiefs, whose interests resemble our own, will eventually steady India, perhaps after an interval of sporadic turmoil. But there must be no more Dyerism, nor is there any need for it.

It is said that the Earl of Reading may be the next Viceroy of India. Let me at once express my deliberate and informed conviction that the fact that Lord Reading is of the Jewish faith should be no bar to his appointment. That doubts on the point have been expressed shows

how little India is understood in London.

Though I never had the smallest hesitation in the matter, I made careful inquiries ten years ago, in quite another connection, about whether a Jewish Viceroy would be acceptable to India. Representative Hindus and Mohammedans alike laughed at the very idea that such a question should be asked. Last year the greatest Rajput prince in India was earnestly asking for a Jew as Viceroy.

To say that Mohammedans would not like it is nonsense. I write of what I know, and it ought to be remembered that Akbar's ablest Minister was a Hindu, Todar Mal. India wants a good Viceroy, and will not care a straw whether he is a Jew or a Plymouth Brother. No, the objections brought against Lord Reading will never be Indian. They are British, and they are wrong. I think the appointment of Lord Reading would probably turn out to be an extremely good one, and wonder nobody thought of him before. I am quite certain that he would be enormously popular with Indians, and if he would consent to go it would take a great weight off the minds of many of us who care deeply about the future of India. I can conceive no one better able to guide India through the critical five years which are coming. All who know India have been apprehensive lest the Government should appoint the wrong man. A mistake now would be fatal.

We have never yet had a lawyer as Viceroy, and it is time we tried one. What Lord Reading would be like in an emergency and as a man of action we do not know, and I have some doubts, but it must be remembered that he would be brigaded with Lord Rawlinson, the new Commander-in-Chief in India.

The qualities of the one man would fit in admirably with the qualities of the other, and as the last word would always lie with Lord Reading, I think they would make an extraordinarily good combination. So long as the chief of the Imperial General Staff keeps off the grass, we could be easy in our minds about India.

I had meant to touch on many other topics, but the East draws all men like a magnet, and once one drifts into Asia it is difficult to get away from it. The rest will keep, and meanwhile, I will only note that in this country I find thoughtful working men are beginning to perceive the hitherto unsuspected connection between extremely high wages and unemployment.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Shanghai	Kansu
Straits	Vico
Manila	Fushimi Maru
Japan	Anyo Maru
Yokohama	Toyooka Maru
Thursday, March 3.	
Friday, March 4.	
Shanghai	Shantung
Shanghai	Kashgar
U.S.A. and Mexico	Empress of Asia
Shanghai	Yingchow
Shanghai	Ichang
Saturday, March 5.	
Europe via Suez (Newspapers only London 27th Jan.)	Seang Bo
Straits	Chakrata
Sunday, March 6.	
Straits	Wakana Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Time
Thursday, March 3.		
Samow and Wuchow	Kwongying	4 p.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Waihsing	5 p.m.
Holbow	Yangtsiang	5 p.m.
Friday, March 4.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailong	11 a.m.
*Straits and *Bangkok	Yanchoo	2 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Loongyang	3 p.m.
Holbow and Bangkok	Changchow	5 p.m.
*Shanghai and *North China	Aldersham	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Telamon	5 p.m.
Saturday, March 5.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Yingchow	8 a.m.
*Straits and *Bangkok	Kashgar	11 a.m.
Philippine Islands	Yanchoo	11 a.m.
Japan	Kansu	11 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Kumgang	2 p.m.
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, and ADEN	Chipsing	5 p.m.
Tientsin	Chansang	5 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok		
Sunday, March 6.		
Shanghai and North China	Yingchow	8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Kashgar	11 a.m.
Tientsin	Yanchoo	11 a.m.
Monday, March 7.		
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu	Kansu	11 a.m.
Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via S.A.N. FRANCISCO. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Korea Maru	5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Hopang	5 p.m.
Japan	Laisang	5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8.		
Amoy, *Shanghai and *North China	Shantung	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailong	11 a.m.
Straits and Bangkok	Buryalus	Noon
Amoy and *Philippine Islands	Twining	2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9.		
Holbow and Hailong	Teapoo	8 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Fushimi Maru	11 a.m.
Shanghai and *North China	Tientsin	11 a.m.
Thursday, March 10.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhedi, Egypt, Aden & EUROPE via Marseilles. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Kleat	
Friday, March 11.		
Philippine Islands, *Shanghai, *North China, *Japan, *Canada, *United States, *Central and *South America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER. B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Toyooka Maru	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailong	11 a.m.

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WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, Manufacturers and Exporters of all kinds of Piece Goods to India, China, report on January 26:—

Sentiment in the cotton markets has steadily weakened again, and prices have receded almost day by day. Trade buying of cotton for American mills still appears to be on a better scale, but New York has been unfavourably influenced by Liverpool, where the demand for actual cotton has shown a marked falling off once more, and fairly extensive selling has taken place. No support is forthcoming from the mills here and in spite of the better New York advices it is quite impossible to maintain any steadiness in prices until there is an all-round improvement. The latest Census